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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 of the subject application have been cancelled. Claim 14 was previously withdrawn from consideration under a restriction requirement. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance in that Claim 13 has been deemed allowable.

First Rejection Under 35 USC 103

Claims 1-8 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as unpatentable over Russian Patent No 432934 (Russian Patent) in view of Canadian Patent No 739,652 (Canadian Patent).

The subject claims have been cancelled therefore the rejection is moot.

Second Rejection Under 35 USC 103

Claims 1-4, 8-10, and 12 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as unpatentable over US Patent 6,571,441 to Kobayashi et al (Kobayashi) in view of US Patent 3,353,225 to Dodson Jr. et al (Dodson).

The subject claims have been cancelled therefore the rejection is moot.

Third Rejection Under 35 USC 103

Claims 1-4, 8-9, 11, and 12 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of US Patent 3,873,255 to Kalwaites (Kalwaites).

The subject claims have been cancelled therefore the rejection is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claim 13 has been deemed allowable.

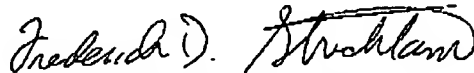
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CONCLUSION

It is believed that the foregoing is a complete response to the subject Office Action. If any matters remain for resolution, please contact the undersigned.

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